WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1.   An agent purchase method for agent purchase via
communication lines comprising the steps of:

        a step which, by receiving from the user terminal
the specification of the purchased merchandise and the
5   specification of the seller selling said merchandise via
communication lines as the supplier of said merchandise,
accepts the request for agent purchase of said
merchandise;

        a step to refer to or update the credit level
10   record of said seller for transactions;

        a step to purchase the merchandise requested for
agent purchase from said seller and to deliver the
merchandise to said user and

        a step to manage charging for the agent purchase
15   service provided to said user.

2.   An agent purchase method according to Claim 1
wherein:

        the credit level information about each of said
sellers selling the merchandise via communication lines
5   is recorded in the database and

        said database is searched for the credit level
record of the seller specified as the supplier of said
merchandise so that the requested agent purchase is
executed only when a sufficiently good credit level is

10   recorded.

3.   An agent purchase method according to Claim 1 which is

     used for provision of the agent purchase service to the users of the Internet connection service rendered

5   by an Internet provider.

4.   An agent purchase method according to Claim 1 wherein:

     said agent purchase is requested

     with specification of said seller by specifying

5   the address of the Internet web page of the seller.

5.   An agent purchase method according to Claim 1 which is

     used for provision of the agent purchase service to the users of the Internet connection service by an

5   Internet provider wherein:

     said Internet provider charges the users of said Internet connection service to pay the utilization fee of the agent purchase service together with the fee of the Internet connection service and collects these fees

10   together.

6.   An agent purchase method according to Claim 1 which is

used for provision of the agent purchase service to the users of the Internet connection service by an Internet provider wherein:

said agent purchase service is requested with specification of said seller by specifying the address of the Internet web page of the seller and

said Internet provider charges the users of said Internet connection service to pay the utilization fee of the agent purchase service together with the fee of the Internet connection service and collects these fees together.

7.   An agent purchase method according to Claim 1 further comprising:

a step to classify said sellers from which the agent purchase is available by the category of the merchandise to be sold and to record such list and

a step to search said list for the seller selling the merchandise requested for agent purchase from the user.

8.   An agent purchase method according to Claim 1 further comprising:

a step to record the credit level information for each of said sellers selling the merchandise via communication lines to a database,

to search said database for the credit level

record of said seller specified as the supplier of said merchandise and to execute the requested agent purchase only when a sufficiently good credit level is recorded,

a step to classify said sellers from which the agent purchase is available by the category of the merchandise to be sold and to record such list and

a step to search said list for the seller selling the merchandise requested for agent purchase from the user.

9.   An agent purchase method according to Claim 1 further comprising:

a step to search said communication lines for the seller selling the merchandise requested for agent purchase from the user,

a step to investigate the transaction credit level of the seller selling the applicable merchandise hit by said search and

a step to execute the agent purchase from the applicable seller when the seller hit by said search has a sufficient credit level.

10.   An agent purchase method according to Claim 1 further comprising:

a step to register the sellers selling the merchandise and

a step to make the information about the

merchandises sold by the registered sellers public on communication lines.

11.   An agent purchase method according to Claim 1 wherein

the fee of the agent purchase service for the merchandise sold by said registered seller is charged to

5   the applicable seller.

12.   An agent purchase method for agent purchasing via communication lines comprising the steps of:

a step to register the sellers selling the merchandise,

5   a step to open the information about the merchandise sold by the registered sellers on communication lines,

a step to receive request for selling of the merchandise the user desires to purchase from the user

10   terminal,

a step to deliver the applicable merchandise to said user for selling and

a step to manage charging of the applicable merchandise price to said user and charging of the agent

15   purchase service to said seller and

being used for provision of the agent merchandise purchase service to the users of the Internet connection service by an Internet provider.

13.   An agent purchase system to provide the agent
purchase service where the merchandise requested by the
user is purchased for the user comprising:

    a terminal of the user and

    a server to manage the agent purchase service and

    said server comprising

    request acceptance means which receives the
specification of the purchased merchandise and the
specification of the seller selling said merchandise via
communication lines as the supplier of said merchandise
so as to accept the request for agent purchase,

    recording means to record, references and updates
the credit level information about each of said sellers
selling the merchandise via communication lines,

    judgment means to judge whether to execute the
requested agent purchase based on the credit level
record of said seller, and

    charge management means to manage charging of the
agent purchase service rendered to the user.

14.   An agent purchase system according to Claim 13
wherein

    said server further comprises

    purchase means which executes the purchase
procedures where said merchandise requested for agent
purchase is purchased from said specified seller via

communication lines according to the request contents received from said user.

15.   An agent purchase system according to Claim 13 wherein:

said server comprises delivery means which records the delivery destination of the user who requested the agent purchase of the merchandise for each of said merchandises and instructs the merchandise transporter to deliver the merchandise purchased from said seller with specifying the destination.

16.   An agent purchase system according to Claim 13 wherein:

said server further comprises:

purchase means which executes the purchase procedures where said merchandise requested for agent purchase is purchased from said specified seller via communication lines according to the request contents received from said user and

delivery means which records the delivery destination of the user who requested the agent purchase of the merchandise for each of said merchandises and instructs the merchandise transporter to deliver the merchandise purchased from said seller with specifying the destination.

17.   An agent purchase system according to Claim 13 wherein:

said server comprises Internet server function to connect said terminal of the user to the Internet and

manages the agent purchase service for the merchandise sold by said seller on the web page of said seller to which the user connects via Internet.

18.   An agent purchase system according to Claim 13 wherein:

said server

comprises Internet server function to connect said terminal of the user to the Internet and

manages the agent purchase service for the merchandise sold by said seller on the web page of said seller to which the user connects via Internet and said request acceptance means

accepts the specification of said seller by specification of the Internet web page address.

19.   An agent purchase system according to Claim 13 wherein:

said server

comprises Internet server function to connect said terminal of the user to the Internet and

manages the agent purchase service for the merchandise sold by said seller on the web page of said

seller to which the user connects via Internet and

said request acceptance means

10   accepts the specification of said seller by
specification of the Internet web page address and

said terminal of the user comprises

a web browser to display the web page of said
seller and

15   ordering means to send the specification of the
purchased merchandise and the specification of said
seller as the supplier of said merchandise to said
server so as to request agent purchase and

said ordering means comprising

20   means to specify said seller by sending, to said
server, the address of the web page currently displayed
on said web browser as the web page address of said
seller.

20.   An agent purchase system according to Claim 13
wherein:
said server

comprises Internet server function to connect
5   said terminal of the user to the Internet and

manages the agent purchase service for the
merchandise sold by said seller on the web page of said
seller to which the user connects via Internet and

said charge management means

10   charges and manages the fee of the agent purchase

service of said user together with the Internet
connection service fee.

21.   A server which manages the agent purchase service
via communication lines comprising:

    request acceptance means which, by receiving from
the user terminal the specification of the purchased
merchandise and the specification of the seller selling
said merchandise via communication lines as the supplier
of said merchandise, accepts the request for agent
purchase;

    recording means to record, refer to or update the
credit level information about each of the sellers
selling the merchandise via communication lines,

    judgment means to judge whether or not to execute
the requested agent purchase based on the credit level
record of said seller and

    charge management means to manage charging for
the agent purchase service provided to said user.

22.   A server according to Claim 21 further
comprising:

    purchase means which executes the purchase
procedures where said merchandise requested for agent
purchase is purchased from said specified seller via
communication lines according to the request contents
received from said user.

23.   A server according to Claim 21 comprising:

delivery means which

records the delivery destination of the user who requested the agent purchase of the merchandise for each of said merchandises and

instructs the merchandise transporter to deliver the merchandise purchased from said seller with specifying the destination.

24.   A server according to Claim 21 which:

comprises Internet server function to connect said terminal of the user to the Internet and

manages the agent purchase service for the merchandise sold by said seller on the web page of said seller to which said user connects via Internet.

25.   A server according to Claim 21 which:

comprises Internet server function to connect said terminal of the user to the Internet and

manages the agent purchase service for the merchandise sold by said seller on the web page of said seller to which said user connects via Internet and

said request acceptance means

accepts the specification of said seller by specification of the Internet web page address.

26.　　　A server according to Claim 21 which:

comprises Internet server function to connect said terminal of the user to the Internet and

manages the agent purchase service for the merchandise sold by said seller on the web page of said seller to which the user connects via Internet and

said charge management means

charges and manages the fee of the agent purchase service of said user together with the Internet connection service fee.

27.　　　A computer readable memory containing the transaction management program for the agent purchase service via communication lines wherein

the transaction management program for the agent purchase service comprises

a request acceptance step which, by receiving from the user terminal the specification of the purchased merchandise and the specification of the seller selling said merchandise via communication lines as the supplier of said merchandise, accepts the request for agent purchase;

a recording step to refer to or update the credit level information about each of said sellers selling the merchandise via communication lines,

a judgment step to determine whether or not to execute the requested agent purchase based on the credit

level record of said seller and

a charging management step to manage charging for the agent purchase service provided to said user.

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28.   A computer readable memory containing the transaction management program for the agent purchase service according to Claim 27 wherein:

the transaction management program for the agent

5   purchase service further comprises:

a purchase step to execute the purchase procedures where said merchandise requested for agent purchase is purchased from said specified seller via communication lines according to the request contents

10   received from said user.

29.   A computer readable memory containing the transaction management program for the agent purchase service according to Claim 27 wherein:

the transaction management program for the agent

5   purchase service comprises:

a purchase step to execute the purchase procedures where said merchandise requested for agent purchase is purchased from said specified seller via communication lines according to the request contents

10   received from said user, and

a delivery step where the delivery destination of the user who requested the agent purchase of the

merchandise is recorded for each of said merchandises and the merchandise transporter is instructed to deliver the merchandise purchased from said seller with specification of the destination.

30.   A computer readable memory containing the transaction management program for the agent purchase service according to Claim 27 wherein:

the transaction management program for the agent purchase service

provides the Internet connection service to said terminal of each user and

manages the agent purchase service for the merchandise sold by said seller on the web page of said seller to which said user connects via Internet.

31.   A computer readable memory containing the transaction management program for the agent purchase service according to Claim 27 wherein:

the transaction management program for the agent purchase service

provides the Internet connection service to said terminal of each user and

manages the agent purchase service for the merchandise sold by said seller on the web page of said seller to which said user connects via Internet and

said request acceptance step

accepts the specification of said seller by specification of the Internet web page address.

32.   A computer readable memory containing the transaction management program for the agent purchase service according to Claim 27 wherein:

the transaction management program for the agent

5   purchase service

provides the Internet connection service to said terminal of each user and

manages the agent purchase service for the merchandise sold by said seller on the web page of said

10   seller to which said user connects via Internet and

said charge management step

charges and manages the fee of the agent purchase service of said user together with the Internet connection service fee.

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33.   A computer readable memory containing the transaction management program for the agent purchase service according to Claim 27 wherein:

the transaction management program for the agent

5   purchase service

provides the Internet connection service to said terminal of each user and

manages the agent purchase service for the merchandise sold by said seller on the web page of said

10   seller to which said user connects via Internet and

     said request acceptance step

     accepts the specification of said seller by

specification of the Internet web page address and

     said charge management step

15   charges and manages the fee of the agent purchase

service of said user together with the Internet

connection service fee.